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Filed: June 9, 2005	)	
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For: POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE	)	
HAVING ESTER GROUP,	:	
CARBOXYL GROUP, AND	)	
SULFONIC GROUP, AND	:	
METHOD OF PRODUCING	)	
THE SAME	:	June 22, 2007

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.